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For Government Work

George Conn this week addressed a a letter to Senator Mitchell asking him to use his influence to obtain a survey of the Chewaucan valley with the object of its reclamation under the national irrigation law. Mr. Conn estimated the land suitable for agriculture and outside that held by private ownership or being reclaimed by private enterprise at between 50,-000 and 75,000 acres. He set forth the feasibility of its reclamation by building storage reservoirs in the mountain and the reasonable cost of such work. He dwelt upon the feastility of the soil and its ,adaptibility to all kinds of cereals, fruits and vegetables.

The government proceeds in such matters to detail an engineer to make necessary surveys, determine the character of the soil, measure the water supply unappropriated, and estimate the cost of irrigation works and in the meantime the land is withdrawn from entry except under the homestead law and the right is reserved to limit the homestead to less than 160 acres. The choice of reclamation project is left entirely to the judgment of the executive and the entire fund is available for use in any part of the arid west. Therefore it depends upon the showing made whether government aid is secured or not.

Lake county has a claim on the favor of the department from the fact that last year alone the Lakeview land office sent over four hundred thousand dollars to the reclamation fund. Utless the government takes hold of this work it may be delayed many years and one of the finest tracts of land in Oregon go uncultivated. Mr. Conn has made a move in the right direction.—Paisley Post.

Weather Report

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Oregon section, for the week ending Monday, April 26.

Simnasho, Wasco county, J. O. A shenhurst—Weather good; spring sowing is up in places; some soils are still too wet to plow; fruit trees are beginning to bloom.

Grass Valley, Sherman county, G. B. Bourhill—Weather continues favorable for growing crops; farmers have nearly completed their spring seeding and some are plowing for summer fallow; fall sown wheat is making rapid growth.

Ione, Morrow county, P. G. Balsiger—Week mild, with occasional rain two heavy wind storms occurred; wheat and grass are growing finely; stock is picking up; fruit trees have not been damaged as yet.

Pendleton, Umatilla county, H.J. Taylor.—Ground in good condition for plowing; wheat doing finely; it is getting too rank and in danger of being injured by the frost when jointing; potato planting begun; fruit doing well; grass good.

Union, Union county, J. W. Minnick—Winter grain in fine condition; spring seeding progressing; range grass good; stock excellent: winter loss light; fruit outlook best in several years.

Baker City, Baker county, W. C. McGuiness—Plowing and seeding in progress in Powder river valley: the high waters washed out considerable wheat, but the river has fallen now and it is thought that the danger has passed; warm rains and sunshine have produced excellent pasture; the nights have been cold with frost but as fruit trees are not in bloom no damage has resulted.

Ashwood, Crook county, James Wood.—Weather fine; grass on range good and stock doing finely, and from present inflications there will be an abundance of water for irrigation purposes; fruit trees in blossom and there promises to be a large crop; lambing is about over and a very large percentage has been sav-

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Land Fraud Cases Postponed.

The beginning of the land fraud trials was signalled May 2 in the United States District Court when Emma L. Watson was arraigned on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government. Mrs. Watson's attorneys demurred to the indictment, but Judge Bellinger overruled the demurcer and Mrs. Watson pleaded not guilty.

Owing to the fact that the prosesution was unprepared to commence Mrs. Watson's case and those of the others alleged to be implicated in the so-called "land fraud ring" were postponed until May 18th, although the attorneys for the defense fought hard against the continuation.

The case of Charles Conningham, the Eastern Oregon "sheep king," who is also under arrest, charged with defrauding the government of public land, was continued until today. The cases of T. A. Wood and Hosea Wood, charged with forgery of affidavits for pension claims, was set to be heard May 9th.

Up at Bend the thing that has most worried the townspeople was to know whether or not they were observing city etiquette by keeping on the sidewalks. To aleviate their embarrassment the city authorities recently marked out the blocks and streets with a plow. There is only one thing that now bothers pedestrians, and that is to know what street they are on; suitable names have not yet been selected for the numerous streets of Bend.

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